**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/988,389
Filing Date	November 19, 2001
First Named Inventor	Ritsuko KAWASAKI et al.
Group Art Unit	2818
Examiner Name	David Vu
Attorney Docket Number	0756-2393

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider any previously filed and unentered Amendments and Information Disclosure Statements, including the amendment(s)/reply and/or Information Disclosure Statement(s) previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$790.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Name (Print/Type)	Eric J. Robinson	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	38,285
Signature		Date	October 25, 2006

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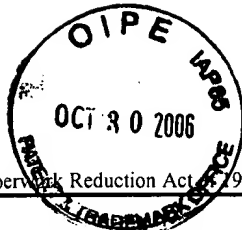
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☐ Applicant Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) 790.00**Complete if Known**

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- Applicant claims small entity status.
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- See 37 CFR 1.27

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**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 300	2001 150	Utility filing fee	
1111 500	2111 250	Search fee	
1311 200	2311 100	Examination fee	
Over 100 Sheets/250 for each additional 50			

**SUBTOTAL (1)** (\$)**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
	-20** =	\$50	
Independent Claims	-3** =	\$200	
Multiple Dependent			

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1202 50	2202 25	Claims in excess of 20	
1201 200	2201 100	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203 360	2203 180	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204 200	2204 100	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205 50	2205 25	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

**SUBTOTAL (2)** (\$)

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**FEE CALCULATION (continued)****3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Fee Code	Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65			Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25			Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130			Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520			For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*			Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*			Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 120	2251 60			Extension for reply within first month	
1252 450	2252 225			Extension for reply within second month	
1253 1020	2253 510			Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,590	2254 795			Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,160	2255 1080			Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 500	2401 250			Notice of Appeal	
1402 500	2402 250			Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 1000	2403 500			Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510			Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 500	2452 250			Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,500	2453 750			Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,400	2501 700			Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 800	2502 400			Design issue fee	
1503 1100	2503 550			Plant issue fee	
1462 400	1462 400			Petitions, Group I	
1463 200	1463 200			Petitions, Group II	
1464 130	1464 130			Petitions, Group III	
1807 50	1807 50			Processing fee under 37 CR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180			Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40			Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 790	2809 395			Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810 790	2810 395			For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.29(b))	
1801 790	2801 395			Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$790.00
1802 900	1802 900			Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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